Sports Corner By Gary Kidwell

HERALD, due to the declining health of Coach Kidcolumn each week.

The Korner started back on July 10, 1975. Gary had been just writing sports articles frequently when there was sports news he felt the Herald readers would like to know. One week, a former 1961 classmate, Ina Carol Wilson, who worked at the LC Herald office, told him he just needed to start writing an article every week about local sports news going on in Lewis County and in the Lewis County schools. Thus the beginning of Kidwell's Korner. There were very few weeks that there was not a honored to present the West were over he usually was column in the paper. He would collect sports news all week, then write his column on Thursday night. If they won the Girls' State and then Mike Edington. In we were out of town for state tourneys, vacation, or proud of Coach Brown and for any reason, he would write the column and find somewhere to fax it to the Herald office. Over a fifty fact that he revived the

week in the Lewis County and numerous others. He was happiest when he was joyed watching his Morehead State "Eagles," especially when Donnie Tyndall was head coach the column when one of our and when his son, Merle, high school athletes rewas an MSU grad assistant ceived a scholarship to play for the Eagles basketball

> Coach always covered every KHSAA Boys' State Many times he would be Basketball Tourney from seen at one of their college 1960 until 2024, and also several Girls' State Basketball Tournaments. He always would do a recap of Coach Hop Brown their first place trophy, when the state tourney.

Coach was proud of the of his life. year period, that was hun- football program in Lewis would like to thank Dennis

Korner appearing each Joe B. Hall, Tubby Smith, County in the Korner announcing their birth. He followed then attending a sporting event throughout their careers in well we will no longer be and loved the Cats, Reds, sports. Athletes were someable to continue writing the and Bengals. Also he en- times remembered on their birthdays, marriages, and anniversaries.

> Coach loved writing in a sport in college and then followed them throughout their college playing years. games watching them play. Nothing made him more proud.

He loved covering the the tourney and of all the EKC district and regional game results in the Korner. tourneys, especially when As a "KHSAA Board of Lewis County was playing. Control" member, he was After his coaching days Carter Lady Comets and broadcasting the games on the radio with his color commentators Joe Harrison Tourney in 2000. He was so later years broadcasting the games and his Saturday the 16th Region winning Morning Sports Show became a very important part

Coach Kidwell's family



line Coleman and Rocky Ad- College. "It also combats a kins, senior advisor to Gov. major hurdle for many college Andy Beshear, joined local officials, educators, business childcare accessibility. This is leaders and parents in Eastern an opportunity we cannot Kentucky to rally support for miss." the "Pre-K for All" initiative, commonwealth's public education system and job growth.

"Kentucky will never reach kindergarten," Lt. Gov. Coleman said. "The time for pre-K is now."

our kids, set them up for success, and ensured they were ready on day one of kindergarten," said Adkins. "This is a no-brainer issue. This will get more Kentuckians in the workforce, help our families with childcare needs, cut costs for parents, and bring greater opportunity to every child here in Kentucky. We have the money to do this, Kentuckians have the desire to do this, and we owe it to our people and our future to get the job done."

Those joining the Lieutenant Governor and Adkins in Eastern Kentucky said:

"Preschool offers numerous benefits that extend beyond academic readiness," said Perry County Judge/Executive Scott Alexander. "It saves money for families, increases graduation rates, enhances social skills and bridges the gap between socioeconomic groups. I applaud Gov. Beshear for leading the fight for universal pre-K in the commonwealth."

"As mayor of Russell and a school bus driver with Russell Independent Schools, I can attest to the positive impact Pre-K for All would have in Eastern Kentucky," said Russell Mayor Samuel Simpson. "It will prepare more kids and families for success, giving our schools and our workforce a boost. We are all in for Pre-K for All."

"As a mother of two young children, I know firsthand the need for child care and universal pre-K," said Morehead Mayor Laura White-Brown. "I had two children during the time of COVID-19, and there was no greater emphasis on child care than at that time. The realization of the demand for child care for the workforce, along with affordable child care Herald Report Thanks to all the people made a substantial impact not only in my community but across the region. I am the mother of a 7-year-old and 10year-old. I have made it a priority to create a community that is welcoming and inclusive of a workforce that supports working parents while also focusing on affordable child care.'

job creation," said Larry Fergu-

students and workers regarding

"Providing preschool for all which aims to advance the 4-year-olds in Kentucky is vital, as it significantly enhances kindergarten readiness leading to higher proficiency in reading its potential if our children's zip and math, improved social code determines their place in emotional development, and the world by the first day of reduced grade retention," said Carrie Ballinger, superintendent of Rockcastle County Schools, "Access to preschool "It is past time we invested in ensures that all Kentucky 4year-olds, regardless of their background, have the opportunity to thrive. Additionally, it would alleviate the cost of child care for families and support greater workforce participation, contributing to the state's economic growth.'

> In Eastern Kentucky, SOAR believes everyone deserves the chance to discover purpose through meaningful work," said Colby Hall, executive director of Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR). "Pre-K helps make that possible by preparing children for success and freeing parents to pursue opportunity.'

> When Gov. Beshear announced the Pre-K for All initiative on Wednesday, June 4, he noted that, according to KY Stats, more than half of Kentucky's children – 53.8% – are unprepared when they show up for their first day of kindergarten.

"Before they even step through the door, they are behind. This creates an achievement gap that is nearly impossible to close," Gov. Beshear said. "To increase kindergarten-readiness, we need to offer pre-K for every 4year-old across the state of Kentucky."

The Governor said that in addition to increasing educational opportunities for the state's youngest learners, Pre-K for All will also help put money back in the pockets of parents and caregivers and grow the commonwealth's workforce.

struggling to pay the bills, and important work to do.

son, president of Ashland one of the key drivers is a lack On June 6, Lt. Gov. Jacque- Community and Technical of childcare," Gov. Beshear said. "Pre-K for All can ease the financial burden facing our hard-working families and make paying the bills a little easier."

The Governor noted that according to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, 79 of Kentucky's 120 counties nearly two-thirds - don't have access to enough child care to serve every family who needs it, with the majority of those located in Eastern Kentucky.

A long-term study from Yale found that providing pre-K increased the earnings of parents and caregivers by nearly \$9,000 annually, a trend that held for at least six years. This amounts to \$54,000 for Kentucky families as their kids grow.

And what's good for kids and families is also good for Kentucky's business and economy. According to estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, over time, Pre-K for All is projected to grow Kentucky's workforce by up to 70,000 peo-

In addition, a study from Yale shows that every dollar invested in pre-K generates \$10 that cycles through the state econ-

Lt. Gov. Coleman stressed that Pre-K for All is a nonpartisan issue, noting that 18 states - including Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia and West Virginia - offer pre-K access for all 4-year-olds.

As part of the initiative, Gov. Beshear issued an executive order creating the Team Kentucky Pre-K for All Advisory Committee, comprising 28 leaders from across the commonwealth.

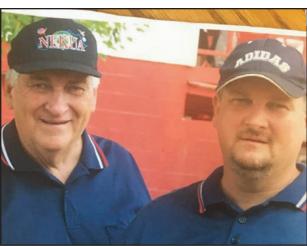
The Pre-K for All initiative aims to build on Kentucky's historic economic winning streak.

Under the Beshear-Coleman administration, the state has broken its job-creation record, creating more than 60,000 good jobs. And while Kentucky has reached the highest point ever for the number of people employed, number of jobs filled and civilian labor force, the Governor and Lieutenant "American families are Governor believe there is still



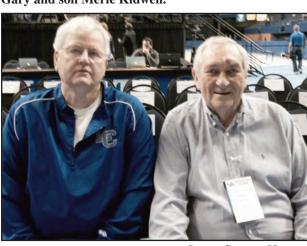
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Gary and son Merle Kidwell.



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Mike Edington and Gary Kidwell.

dreds of columns, his main County schools in the fall objective was to recognize future athletes (births), current Lewis County school athletes, former athletes, game wrap-ups, and anything referring to sports. Coach always tried to be very fair in recognizing athletes. He did not care if they ten about the teams he, were from Vanceburg, Tollesboro, Garrison, Laurel, Firebrick, or just recognizing the best athletes, but anyone who did something well in sports that week. He would gather his info from coaches, players, parents, sports pages from newspaper's game reports, e-mail, and anywhere in between.

Frequently he would attend UK, Reds', and Bengals' games and give were doing in their life after updates on the team's records, schedules, and outstanding players. He interviewed many famous athletes and coaches, such on their life in the Korner as, Pete Rose, Johnny the next week. Bench, Sparky Anderson,

of 1967 and also the Little League baseball program in the summer of 1967. His goal was to always try to improve the sports programs in Lewis County, regardless of the sport.

Many articles were writhimself coached (football, basketball, baseball) and showcased the outstanding players in each game. He loved promoting our Lewis County Lions players. He has always held Lewis County players dear to his heart. Nothing he enjoyed more than seeing his former players, later in life and reminiscing about their playing days and what they graduating. Many times after catching up with a former player, they would see their names and an update

Many future athletes Rick Pitino, John Calipari, were introduced to Lewis

and Tammy Brown for allowing him to write the Korner every week, and also thanks to Trish Bloomfield and Mandy Sparks for their help in proofing the Korner for the paper each week.

who have read and supported the Korner throughout the years and kept in touch with Coach through the years. Your love and support will always be remembered.

In closing for the last time from Kidwell's Korner, "This is the Old Righthander rounding third and heading for home" and "Have a good week in sports."

The Garrison Fire Tax Board is requesting applications to fill a 4 year position on the board. Applicants must own property and reside inside the Garrison Fire District boundaries. All applicants will be placed on the ballot for a public election to be held on Saturday, July 5, 2025, at the Garrison fire station. Applicants must be 21 years of age or older to apply. To pick up an application, contact Marty Strong at 606-541-1554 or 606-757-4269. Applications must be received by Thursday, June 19, 2025.

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Georgetown College Dean's List 2025 College Jonathan Sands

pleased to recognize 286 stu-recognition on the Dean's dents who earned a place on List at Georgetown, and the Dean's List for the these students and their fam-Spring 2025 term. To qualify, ilies should be proud of their a student must have completed the spring semester and a minimum 3.7 GPA.

"The Academic Dean's List recognizes those stu-"Implementation of Pre-K dents who have excelled acfor All will help us reinvigorate ademically while balancing education in Kentucky and fuel their other responsibilities," said Provost and Dean of the County.

Georgetown College is Wise. "It is not easy to earn accomplishments.'

The Spring Dean's List inwith at least 12 credit hours cludes 219 students from Kentucky, 48 students from other states, and 19 students from outside the United States.

The list includes Caleb Joseph Poczatek of Lewis





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